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For: PRE-EXPANDED PARTICLES OF CRYSTALLINE
AROMATIC POLYESTER-BASED RESIN, AND IN
MOLD EXPANDED PRODUCT AND EXPANDED
LAMINATE USING THE SAME

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2003 (Paper No. 915), finally rejecting claims 1 and 3-20, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.